cost of the vaccine and the fact that this vaccine is not indigenously produced. However, vaccination of doctors and other staff facing the risk of infections are advised for immunisation against Hepatitis 'B'.

Facilities by private hospitals to vulnerable sections of society

972. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ten prestigious private hospitals in the capital were allotted vast areas of land on nominal prices and also allowed to import without any duty (high tech) medical equipment from foreign countries on the condition that 25 per cent will be reserved for weaker sections and other 25 per cent subsidised for the economically poor and also free services in O.P.D. for patients of indigent category; and

(b) if so, whether these private hospitals are observing the condition, which they had agreed to enforce?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) As per the information received from Delhi Administration, certain private Institutions in the capital have been allotted land at concessional rates. These institutions are, therefor, expected to render free OPD and IPD (Indoor-patients) services to patients belonging to economically weaker sections of the society. As regards custom duty exemption, the notification No. 64/88-Cus. dated 1.3.1988 issued by Ministry of Finance stipulates that the hospitals and institutions availing custom duty exemption for the import of equipment are to provide 40 per cent of the services in OPD free of cost and 10 per cent of beds are to be reserved for free treatment of poor patients.

(b) Delhi Administration have informed that the concerned private institutions have been doing free OPD work. Now they have been asked to provide free services to indoor patients also. A system of reference from Govt. hospitals has been instituted by Delhi Administration in order to ensure that the private hospitals/institutions availing customs duty exemption do the requisite free work as prescribed in the notification of the Ministry of Finance.

Holding of Shikayat Adalats

973. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shikayat Adalats are being held by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare;

(b) if so, what is the purpose and scope of such Adalats;

(c) what is the composition of the Adalat;

(d) what is the date of commencement of these Adalats and what is their frequency;

(e) what are the details of achievements of these Adalats;

(f) when the next adalat is scheduled to be held, indicating the date of last such Adalat;

(g) whether any publicity is given to holding of such Adalats; and

(h) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (h) A 'Shikayat Adalat' was constituted in this Ministry on 11.9.89. The constitution and scope of the Shikayat Adalat may be seen at Statement. (*See* below). A meeting of the Adalat was held on 8.6.90, wherein members sought certain clarifications/information. The Deptt. of Public Grievances have been asked to clarify the points raised by the members.